

GENERAL WAIVER COVER SHEET

CALIFORNIA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

APRIL 2003 AGENDA

Item No. W-5

TITLE: General waiver request of <i>Education Code</i> Sections 60450 (b) and 60451(b) – Schiff-Bustamante Standards-Based Instructional Materials Program by Victor Elementary School District to purchase non-adopted Instructional Resources (<i>Houghton Mifflin Mathematics, Grade 6</i>) using Schiff-Bustamante Funds.	<input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/> ACTION <input type="checkbox"/> INFORMATION <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING <input type="checkbox"/> CONSENT
CDSIS: 15-2-2003	

RECOMMENDATION:

The Department recommends:

☒ Approval: From date of SBE action through June 30, 2004.

☐ Denial

Summary of Previous State Board of Education Discussion and Action:

General Waiver requests for the purchase of non-adopted instructional materials are reviewed by CDE staff in accordance with the State Board of Education (SBE) Waiver Policy 99-06 (as amended September 2002) for the Schiff-Bustamante Standards-Based Instructional Materials Program with specified exceptions for Reading/Language Arts, Mathematics, and Science programs

Summary of Key Issue(s):

Victor Elementary SD is requesting a waiver for the use of the Schiff-Bustamante Instructional Materials Fund for the purchase of *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* for Grade 6. The K-5 program was submitted and adopted under the 2001 Mathematics Adoption. The district is seeking a waiver under the first exception for mathematics instructional materials.

Schiff-Bustamante Instructional Materials Fund – Exception 1 in the Area of Mathematics

The first exception under the area of mathematics concerns requests to purchase instructional materials that are a continuation or extension of a mathematics program adopted under the 2001 Mathematics Adoption and that "...unless previously reviewed for waiver-consideration purposes, a waiver request under this exception needs to include a grade level-specific standards map for the instructional materials to be purchased." The standards map would then be reviewed by an appointed Curriculum Commissioner along with any other experts as is necessary and a recommendation would be provided.

The *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics* program for grades K-5 was submitted for review under the 2001 Mathematics Adoption. It was adopted by the State Board of Education. The grade 6 program was completed after the state adoption of the grades K-5 program. The district is

requesting a waiver for a program that would continue or extend a currently adopted program. At the Board's request, Commissioner Sue Stickel reviewed grade 6 of the *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics Program* and felt that the program offered sufficient coverage of the mathematics content standards.

The district has adopted the Houghton Mifflin mathematics program for grades K-5, and requests a waiver to purchase grade 6 in order to maximize instructional continuity for its students. The Academic Performance Index (API) Data Summary chart is attached reporting API rank and growth for 1999-2002 for the fourteen K – 6 elementary schools that will be using *Houghton Mifflin Mathematics*. Six of these schools are ranked in the 4th decile or lower.

Staff Recommendation

The district meets Criteria 1 in the exception policy in the area of mathematics. The program is a one grade level extension/continuation (grade 6) of an adopted program (*Houghton Mifflin*, grades K-5). It was previously reviewed and was found to provide sufficient coverage of the mathematics content standards for grade 6. The use of the 6th grade program will ensure continuity for the K-6 math program. This request is recommended for approval through June 2004 (by which point carryover Schiff-Bustamante funds are required to be spent).

Authority for the waiver: *Education Code* Section 33050

Bargaining unit(s) consulted on: 10/11/02

Position of bargaining unit (choose only one):

☐ Neutral

☒ Support

☐ Oppose

Name of bargaining unit representatives: Nancee Fine, President

Public hearing identified by (choose one or more):

☐ posting in a newspaper

☒ posting at each school

☐ other

(specify) –

Public hearing held on: 2/5/03

Local board approval date: 2/5/03

Advisory committee(s) consulted:

Objections raised: X None

Date consulted: 1/28/03

Effective dates of request: 4/1/02 through 6/30/04

Fiscal Analysis (as appropriate):

N/A

Background Information:

Waiver request and supporting documentation are attached.